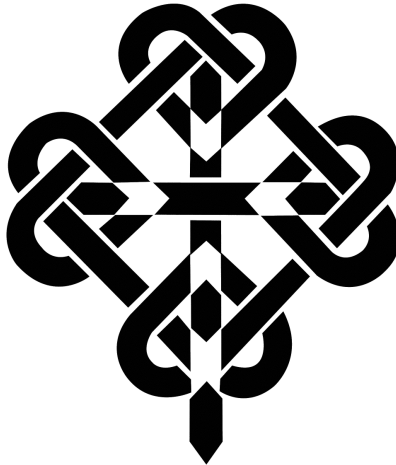


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



The whole body joined and knit together...
building itself up in love.
— *Ephesians 4:16* —

2 CORINTHIANS 5
OUR LIFE IN CHRIST IN ONE CHAPTER

OCTOBER 17, 2021

Who We Seek to Be

In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of

Joyful Worship, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

Loving Fellowship, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

Life-changing Learning, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

Enthusiastic Service, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

JOHN ZIMMERMAN

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Holy and Mighty*

Pepper Choplin
MEN'S CHOIR

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: O God, your name be praised, for in Jesus Christ you come to visit and redeem your people.

All: Help us to understand Christ's rule, strongest among the exiled, among the victims, among the hurt and mourning.

Pastor: Help us to understand Christ's triumph revealed when love speaks the healing and freeing word. Help us to understand glory revealed on a cross.

All: Then may we sing with full joy, Rejoice! Rejoice! Blessed is Emmanuel who comes in God's name to ransom our captive hearts.

* INVOCATION

* OPENING SONG: *Come, All You People*

E A/E

Shona 1 U - ya - i mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - re;

English 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;

2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;

3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

E B7

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come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

E B7 3 E

u - ya - i mo - se Zvi - no.

come now and wor - ship the Lord.

come now and wor - ship the Lord.

come now and wor - ship the Lord.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

ALVA STEFFLER

Leader: The psalmist testifies: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me.

People: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

Leader: But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

People: Praise be to God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

Leader: In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV from *The Worship Sourcebook*

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Take, O Take Me As I Am*

Take, O take me as I am; — sum - mon out what I shall be; —

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me. —

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Take, O take me as I am; — sum - mon out what I shall be; —' and 'set your seal up - on my heart and live in me. —'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from Isaiah 53*)

Leader: Receive God's forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ: He has taken up your infirmities and carried your sorrows. He was pierced for your transgressions and crushed for your iniquities; upon him was the punishment that brings you peace and by his wounds you are healed. Amen.

* ACCLAMATION (*Please stand*)

All: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share God's peace with those around you.)

SPECIAL MUSIC: *O How He Loves You and Me*

Kurt Kaiser
MEN'S CHOIR

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*(Children remain seated during the Children's Blessing,
then will be led to their children's worship space.)*

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

CARL PICKARD

Introduction Am⁷ A⁷ D Bm Am⁹ F⁹

Unison C F C F

1. O love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
 2. O heav'n-ly love, how pre - cious still, in days of
 3. We read you best in him who came to bear for
 4. O love of God, our shield and stay through all the

C Am⁷ F C Am⁷

and yet ev - er new, un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
 wea - ri - ness and ill, in nights of pain and help - less -
 us the cross of shame; sent by the Fa - ther from on
 per - ils of our way! E - ter - nal love, in you we

F#dim Em Am⁷ Em D C Dm A

bought, be - yond all knowl - edge and all thought! O love of
 ness, to heal, to com - fort, and to bless! O wide - em -
 high, our life to live, our death to die. We read your
 rest, for - ev - er safe, for - ev - er blest. We will ex -

Dm⁷ Gm Dm G F C

God, how deep and great, far deep - er than man's deep - est
 brac - ing, won - drous love! We read you in the sky a -
 pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the dark - ness of the
 alt you, God and King, and we will ev - er praise your

F C Dm⁷ G⁷ C F

hate; self - fed, self - kin - dled like the light, change-less, e -
 bove, we read you in the earth be - low, in seas that
 grave; still more in res - ur - rec - tion light we read the
 name; we will ex - tol you ev - 'ry day, and ev - er -

Interlude

C F G C Am⁷ A⁷ D Bm Am⁹ F⁹

ter - nal, in - fi - nite.
 swell, and streams that flow.
 ful - ness of your might.
 more your praise pro - claim.

Final ending! C C⁷ Am F C

Horatius Bonar, 1858
 Mod.

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 C. Hubert H. Parry, 1916
 Arr. by Janet Wyatt, 1977

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WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)

READER: STU JOHNSON

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 91:9-16*

⁹ If you say, "The Lord is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
¹⁰ no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
¹² they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
¹⁴ "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name."
¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *2 Corinthians 5:11-15*

¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹² We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³ If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *Governed by Christ's Love*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *What Wondrous Love Is This?*

Chords: Dm Am C Em Dm C Dm Dm⁷ C F

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
 2. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

Chords: C Bm Am G Am G C Dm C F C F C

wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

Chords: Dm C Am Bm⁷ C Dm Am Em Dm C

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

Chords: Dm Dm⁷ C F C Bm Am G Am G C Dm

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you have concerns or are in need of prayer, Ron Netzel will be available at the front following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Men's Choir

Music is licensed.

Thanks to our technical crew.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. **Food pantry open**

6:00 - 8:00 p. m. **Youth Group** at the Ministry House. Bring a lawn chair.

7:00 p.m. **Adult Ed** Theology 101, focusing on the themes of sin and salvation. (Zoom)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Food Pantry**

Wednesday 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. **Mom Talk** (no childcare this week)

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In Immanuel and Beyond

Giving Update: While giving-to-date through the end of September was about 6% below our goal, October giving in the first two weeks alone surpassed all of September! Strong giving through the last quarter will ensure that as we approach 2022, we will be in a good position to face rising prices in some areas and the resumption of spending in others as activity picks up following COVID and the Renovation project.

Reformation Sunday, October 31: Plan to come at 9:45 a.m. for fellowship before worship, with cider and doughnuts.

Autumn Colors Cross Quilt

The beautiful quilt in the narthex is the culmination of a project conceived and begun by Dottie Luttrell before she had the serious stroke that has left her so disabled and in nursing care. Dottie and her daughter, Jennifer Luttrell Jordan, pieced the quilt as a new banner for Immanuel. The Luttrell family asked Carol Wilhoit to finish the quilt to coordinate with autumn and the end of building renovations. Special thanks to Dottie, Jennifer, and Carol.

ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Ron Netzel, Carl Pickard,
Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

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*Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard,
Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

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